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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Implementation of Very Low Safety Significance Issue Resolution Process to Materials Business Lines in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Date and Time: December 21, 2023, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)

Location: Webinar

URL

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Category: This is an **Information Meeting with a Question-and-Answer** session. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the NRC staff and make comments about implementation of the very low safety significance issue resolution (VLSSIR) process to materials business lines throughout the meeting; however, the NRC is not actively soliciting comments towards regulatory decisions at this meeting.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is for the NRC staff to meet with stakeholders and members of the public to discuss implementation of the VLSSIR process to Materials Business Lines in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). The staff report titled "NMSS Very Low Safety Significance Issue Resolution Process Working Group Report and Implementation Guidance" is available on the NRC's public website and can be found on the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22353A599; copy attached.

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Participants: NRC/NMSS External  
Latif Hamdan, et al. NRC Stakeholders including the General Public

Additional  
Information:

Implementing the VLSSIR process in the materials inspection program will help maintain consistency with inspection efforts across the agency and enhance the decision-making tools available to inspectors. The VLSSIR process is used to discontinue inspection of unresolved licensing basis questions that cannot be resolved without a significant level of effort, and that are of low enough safety significance that they would be screened as Severity Level IV in the enforcement process (if the issue were ultimately determined to be a noncompliance). The VLSSIR process is not a process for disregarding known compliance issues or issues where there is a clear indication that a noncompliance occurred. Inspectors should follow the existing processes for screening and dispositioning these compliance related issues.

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Reference: Memorandum from John W. Lubinski, Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards to the NMSS Business Lines and Regional Administrators authorizing NMSS implementation of VLSSIR process, dated July 3, 2023. (ML22353A596; copy attached).

Enclosure: Meeting Agenda

Attachments: Copy of "NMSS Very Low Safety Significance Issue Resolution Working Group Report and Implementation Guidance" (ML22353A599).

Copy of Memorandum from NMSS Office Director to NMSS Business Lines and Regional Administrators authorizing implementation of VLSSIR process, dated July 3, 2023 (ML22353A596).

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 21, 2023, NOTICE OF MEETING TO DISCUSS THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF VERY LOW SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE ISSUE  
RESOLUTION PROCESS TO MATERIALS BUSINESS LINES IN THE  
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS

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### Meeting Agenda

Implementation of Very Low Safety Significance Issue Resolution Process in the Office of  
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

December 21, 2023  
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)

Time, EST	Topic	Presenter
1:00-1:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Shana Helton
1:10-1:40	VLSSIR implementation in NMSS Business line	Steve Koenick
1:40-2:30	Q/A Session	All

Enclosure